

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 (currently amended) : A deterrent strip positionable on a support for repelling birds and other pests, said strip comprising, in combination:

a plurality of wire support members of electrically non-conductive material forming a an elongated, flexible, bendable base having side edges, each wire support member including two spaced wire support portions and an inner portion disposed between and interconnecting the spaced wire support portions, said wire support portions of each wire support member being elevated relative to the inner portions thereof, the inner portions of adjacent wire support members defining spaces therebetween extending inwardly from at least one of said side edges;

~~at least two first and second electrically conductive, undulating, crimped, extensible wires disposed along at least a portion of the length of said base, said first electrically conductive, undulating, crimped, extensible wires wire secured to one of said spaced wire support portions and said second electrically conductive, undulating, crimped, extensible wire secured to the other of said spaced wire support portions, said first and second electrically conductive, undulating, crimped, extensible wires being parallel and spaced from one another a distance enabling a bird to other pest to simultaneously contact~~

said first and second electrically conductive, undulating,
crimped, extensible wires when engaging the strip to short said
electrically conductive, undulating, crimped, extensible wires
and provide a mild shock to the pest; and

restraint members spaced inwardly from the side edges
of said elongated, flexible, bendable base attached to and
extending between the inner portions of adjacent wire support
members across the spaces defined thereby resisting lengthwise
stretching of said strip and limiting stretching of said
electrically conductive, undulating, crimped, extensible wires
while allowing the elongated, flexible, bendable base to bend
both out of plane and within plane to conform to the shape of the
support.

2 (canceled)

3 (currently amended) : The strip according to Claim 1
wherein said wire support members are integrally connected and
wherein ~~said base has side edges, said the~~ spaces defined by the
~~inner portions of said~~ wire support members comprising comprise
~~notches extending inwardly from at least one of said side edges.~~

4 (original) : The strip according to Claim 1 wherein
said restraint members comprise flexible, readily bendable,
substantially non-linearly extensible connectors.

5 (original): The apparatus according to Claim 4 wherein said connectors are integral with said wire support members.

6 (original): The strip according to Claim 5 wherein said connectors and said wire support members are of a molded plastic construction.

7 (original): The strip according to Claim 4 wherein said connectors comprise segments of a single elongated connector member extending through and projecting from opposed ends of said wire support members and attached to said wire support members.

8 and 9 (canceled)